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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

*RE: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom
AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and
Authorizations (WT Proceeding—No. 11-65)*

Dear Commissioners:

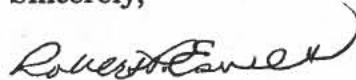
As a farmer, small businessman and former member of the Kettle Falls School Board I have been an advocate for bringing modern and technological services to the rural areas of the State of Washington.

Because many areas in Stevens County and Northeast Washington are underserved by weak wireless telecommunications services, many people in our community cannot take full advantage of opportunities to use broadband applications in their community. The merger of AT&T and T-Mobile could change all that, and quickly: industry experts say that it will make high-speed broadband available to most people across the country, including those in small, rural, or underserved communities.

Access to high-speed wireless Internet service will open up a world of opportunities to all people and for every household, small business, and classroom.

I'm excited about the possibilities and opportunities that access to high-speed wireless Internet will bring to our community, our organization, and especially to area businesses. This access is truly an essential business tool for the present and future economy, and this merger is the quickest way to bring these possibilities to the most communities. I hope you will carefully consider my thoughts on this issue, and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Bob Esvelt
Former Member of the Kettle Falls School Board

CC:Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell